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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, IN

SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

REF: CALCUTTA 2156

1. PLEASE CONFIRM DEPARTURE OF HARCOS AND FLETCHER FROM INDIA AND ACTUAL TIME OF THEIR RELEASE FROM JAIL. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CALCUTTA'S PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE.

2. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD QUERY FROM BERGEN (NEW JERSEY) RECORD REGARDING CASE. WE TOLD THEM HARCOS AND FLETCHER PLEADED GUILTY TO SMUGGLING NARCOTICS ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND ADVISED THEM OF JUDGE'S DETERMINATION SEPTEMBER 9 THAT TIME IN JAIL AND UNDER HOUSE ARREST FULFILLED SENTENCE OF 28 MONTHS.  
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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE TWO MEN, WE SAID WE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WERE ANY CURRENT PROBLEMS.

4. RECORD ALSO ASKED WHETHER RELEASE WAS DUE TO ANYTHING  
USG HAD DONE AND WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION WITH  
THE EMERGENCY AND CRITICISM LEVELLED AT MRS. GANDHI. WE

NOTED USG HAD CONTINUOUSLY URGED GOI TO GIVE MEN  
PROMPT AND FAIR TRIAL AND HAD PROVIDED NORMAL CONSULAR  
SERVICES. WE SAID WE DID NOT DRAW CONNECTION BETWEEN  
ACTION TAKEN AND EMERGENCY.

5. WE SAID IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT WITH  
RESPECT TO QUESTION ON VERACITY OF CHARGES. KISSINGER

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